GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the employees of State owned carrier `Indian` went on strike recently across the country;

(b) whether several flights were affected during the strike of ground staff of public sector airlines in the country;

(c) if so, the details of loss of airlines during the strike; and

(d) the steps taken/ being taken by the Government to avoid recurrence of such strike in the future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Employees of Indian Airlines covered by Air Corporation Employees Union (ACEU) had gone on flash strike all over India w.e.f. night shift of 12th June,2007. The strike was called off on the afternoon of 14th June, 2007. Though contingent plans were put into operation to deal with the situation, a number of flights were affected due to the strike.

(c): The estimated loss incurred by Indian Airlines (including Alliance Air) due to strike is Rs.3.5 Crores by way of loss of contribution, additional expenditure on hotel, food and conveyance charges for disrupted flights etc.

(d): Memorandum of Settlement covering revision of wages and allowances, payment of arrears etc., have been signed by the management with 5 out of the 8 recognised Unions/ Associations. In the Memorandum of Settlement signed with Air Corporation Employees Union (ACEU), which represents around 12,200 employees, the Union has agreed to observe constitutional means and not to resort to agitational steps and/or concerted action or any other means which may have effect of interrupting or disrupting the work of the Company or the operation of services of the Company.